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SUBJECT: Student Health History, Immunization Requirements, and Health Forms

This Weekly Packet announces the revision of the Student Health History, Immunization Certificate, and Request for Exemption from Immunizations forms and the addition of a new Returning Student Health History Update. These forms are now included in the DoDEA online registration packet. A PDF fillable version of all forms is located at http://www.dodea.edu/pps/guide_home.cfm.

All previous versions of these forms are now obsolete. The changes in these forms are also reflected in other standard DoDEA forms that notify parents of their child's immunization status. All area, district and school websites should reflect these changes no later than 10 school days from the date of this memorandum. A copy of the student's complete immunization record may be accepted in lieu of a DoDEA Form 2942.0-M-F3 (SHSG: H-2), November 2011.

The revised forms include changes to immunization requirements. Specifically immunization for the following need additional guidance:

- Meningococcal Booster: The required minimum immunizations for School Year (SY) 12/13 for students sixteen (16) years and older now include the addition of a Meningococcal booster at age sixteen (16) years. Although this is the first year that DoDEA will require a Meningococcal booster, many students have already received the booster at locations where it has been available. Should a vaccination shortage occur, students are automatically exempt until vaccine supplies are replenished.

- Pneumococcal and Rotavirus: The required minimum immunizations for SY 12/13 for students who are under the age of 5 years are based on the age appropriate immunization schedule established by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) [http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules/downloads/child/0-6yrs-schedule-pr.pdf] and now include Pneumococcal and Rotavirus.

Many students have already received the vaccination series at locations where it has been available. Should a vaccine shortage occur, students are automatically exempt until vaccine supplies are replenished. Should a student be older than age five years, the vaccine is not required nor does the vaccine series need to be tracked. Vaccines for students under the age of five years should include:

- Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- Haemophilus influenza type b
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella
- Pneumococcal
- Inactivated Poliovirus
- Rotavirus
- Varicella

- Influenza: Requirements for influenza vaccination are established by the local medical command. Schools are to work closely with their local medical treatment facilities to ensure that all local requirements are followed.

- Tuberculin testing: Requirements for tuberculin testing are established by the local medical command. Schools are to work closely with their local medical treatment facilities to ensure that all local requirements are followed.

As of July 2010, DoDEA recognized the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children. The compact language reads that, "Compacting states shall give thirty (30) calendar days from the date of enrollment for required immunizations. For a series of immunizations, initial immunizations must be obtained within thirty (30) calendar days." Parents must present proof of immunizations upon registration in any DoDEA school. Should the immunization documentation reveal missing immunization data, the necessary immunizations must be obtained and proof of immunization compliance presented to school officials, within thirty (30) days of enrollment, for continued enrollment in DoDEA.

For an immunization that requires a series of vaccinations to complete immunity, the next in the series is due NLT 10 days after the due date as determined by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) series spacing requirements.

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